Central Government or by the Reserve Bank of India for disbursement of credit by banks through loan melas in Tripura or in any other part of the country. For the scheme of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) the application forms of beneficiaries are to be prepared in a camp attended by the beneficiaries, the block functionaries, the other concerned departments including the revenue department and the bankers. The camp system is advisable to save time and energy of the beneficiaries in the completion of the applications and procurement of requisite documents. The public sector banks have also been organising the credit camps in order to provide credit assistance to worker sections.

(c) The present credit policy already provides a thrust for increased flow of credit to the priority sector and, in particular, to the weaker sections of the society including SC/ST beneficiaries. Banks are required to provide at least 10 percent to their total credit to weaker sections.

Delhi Judicial Service

2068. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 85 new posts in the Delhi Judicial Service have been sanctioned to clear the back-log of cases in the subordinate courts of the capital; and

(b) if so, how many cases have been cleared after the creation of these posts?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

MMTC Assistance to State Mining and Mineral Corporations

2069. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC is assisting some state Mining and Minerals Corporations in the field of production and sale of minerals; and

(b) if so, how many States are getting the assistance from the MMTC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Financial assistance by way of loans has been extended by MMTC to Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation, Hyderabad.

Prices of Imported Rubber

2070. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of imported rubber have been exorbitantly increased by the S.T.C. effecting the shoe industry, especially the small manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Presumably, the reference is to the prices of rubber released by STC during 1989. These release prices were fixed having regard to the cost of importing rubber and the prevailing level of Customs Duty.

The Government is taking all possible steps to safeguard the interest of the growers and the rubber consuming industry including the rubber shoe-industry.